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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

'THE PUBLIC'

One of the New Year resolutions some of our business and Government leaders ought to make is to try to make clear to themselves, at least, just what they mean by some of their handsome words.

For example, Secretary of Labor Mitchell said the other day that "the public is going to insist that its own interest be added to the others and that a chair be set for the public at the bargaining tables."

What does he mean by the public? From our viewpoint, he means that "public opinion" against the trade union side of any dispute which is manufactured by press, radio, and teevee through the control of these great engines of propaganda by the management side of the bargaining table.

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'THE INDIVIDUAL'

Then there is Mr. James L. Lee, partner in a big stock and bond house, who was recently made president of the Investment Bankers Association, and who, according to a press report, "says that his 35 years in the business have reinforced the ideal of his personal life — the freedom of the individual," and that "in his first presidential address before the Investment Bankers Association he dedicated his service to the support of that ideal."

We can be pretty sure what "freedom of the individual" means in this gentleman's head: it means, first, let any "individual" who is entrenched within the vast protective corporate structure of investment banking rake in the money from the high interest rates; and, second, protect the "individual" in the trade union by breaking up his union or at least the security clause in his union contract so he can be "free" to bargain with the boss as an "individual."

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'HUMAN DIGNITY'

By the way, some labor people themselves often use a term, which, when we see how they act, makes us wonder just what that term means in their minds. The term in question is "human dignity."

Scabs armed with knife, shotguns, rifles, pistols

Five shotguns, two rifles, seven pistols, and a hunting knife were taken from strike-breakers at the struck Wilson packing plant in Minnesota by the county sheriff. The plant has resumed operations under control of the National Guard, sent in by Governor Freeman.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

BTC's concern on tight money harm verified

Confirmation of the local Building Trades Council's concern over what the Eisenhower Administration's tight money policy is doing to the building industry is found in the following dispatch sent from Washington by the AFL-CIO News Service:

High interest rates brought on by the Administration's tight money policies will cut private housing starts by 10 to 12 percent in 1960, the National Association of Home Builders predicted.

The builders association said the expectation is that funds for FHA and VA mortgages will dry up in light of the higher interest rates for government securities and other investments.

The builders' prediction came as the U. S. Treasury accepted bids for its issue of \$1.2 billion of 91-day bills at an average interest rate of 4.638 percent, a new record for this type of issue.

The tight money policy was reflected also in an announcement by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York which declared a 100 percent stock dividend and increased the quarterly dividend on current stock.

The staff of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress in a report issued Monday noted a slowdown in the economic growth rate during the Eisenhower years, and declared that the Administration had "stepped too hard on the fiscal and monetary brakes."

The report said that considerable growth was sacrificed in order to prevent inflation, and that the anti-inflation policies didn't halt inflation, either.

If public policy is faced with a choice of price stability or employment stability, the report said, the greatest emphasis should be placed on employment.

Ash has operation and is doing well

Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, underwent an operation Monday, and was reported to be resting easily at Kaiser hospital following the operation.

Ash had told the delegates at the December 14 meeting that he was preparing for surgery.

Notice given shipyard differential may be cut

Federal Maritime Administrator Clarence G. Morse said in San Francisco Monday that the 6% differential allowed West Coast shipbuilders in bidding for new ship construction may be pared down to 4%.

Building Trades Council President Joe Pruss recently reported on a conference called to stave off any such cut in the differential.

Steel crisis speeding toward a series of crucial decisions

This week the industrial relations crisis in steel began to move toward some decisive moments.

Next Wednesday, January 6, the board investigating the dispute will make its report to President Eisenhower, and on Monday, January 11, the three-day poll of the United Steelworkers as to whether they wish to accept the companies' latest offers or continue the strike on January 26 will begin.

So this week the board which will make the report to the President began new hearings to lay the foundation for its report.

The board chairman, George W. Taylor, made it plain at the beginning of the hearing Monday that the dispute seemed so deadlocked that he saw no possibility of achieving a settlement before the January 6 deadline for submitting the report to Eisenhower.

Steelworkers President David J. McDonald was the first witness as the hearings began this week.

He read a statement saying that no one should assume what

DEADLINES COMING UP IN STEEL DISPUTE

January 6—Board of Inquiry makes report to President Eisenhower.

January 11—Vote of workers on whether they wish to continue strike begins.

January 26—Taft-Hartley period of forced labor ends, leaving union free to strike again.

the steelworkers will do when the period of enforced labor under the Taft-Hartley Act expires on January 26.

"The Taft-Hartley Act can tell us when not to strike," said McDonald. "It cannot tell us when we will strike—or whom."

"I will not make the decision, nor can I tell you what it will be. Through its democratically elected bodies the United Steelworkers of America will decide what course of action is in the best interests of the membership."

McDonald read a statement

from AFL-CIO President George Meany, absent due to illness. Meany declared that the stalemate could be settled quickly if Eisenhower asked the three members of the board of inquiry to make public their personal views of a fair settlement formula.

"Those views, which would not have any force behind them save the force of sound public interest," said Meany, "would help every American in making up his mind on the issues involved, and would, I believe firmly, lead to an early settlement without strife."

McDonald said a private poll of the workers shows 95 percent favor rejecting the companies' latest offer.

With Congress reconvening for its second session, there was much discussion as to the possibility of it taking some action. President Eisenhower has hinted at presenting legislation to Congress, and at the Justice Department, according to Associated Press, it was admitted that a draft of possible legislation was being prepared.

Meany warns 1960 will be year of severe struggles

AFL-CIO President George Meany, warning that 1960 will be "a year of battle for American labor," has sounded the rallying cry for the 13.5 million members of the trade union movement to exert a united effort to transform the coming 12 months into "a year of victory."

In his annual New Year's message, in which he deplored the legislative and collective bargaining "disappointments" of 1959, Meany declared that labor now faces "the gravest attacks upon us in a generation."

The AFL-CIO president cited these main threats to labor and the nation:

- Indications of a "united effort by reactionaries in big business to destroy established union safeguards over working conditions, job security and individual rights."

- The fear that a "coalition of reactionaries in Congress" will attempt to enact new restrictions on legitimate unions coupled with the "frustration" of labor's program for the nation's economic and social progress.

- The "increased military and economic might of the aggressive Soviet dictatorship" and the attempt by "Communist imperialists" to "hypocritically exploit" the world's "yearning for peace" by continued efforts at achieving "Soviet world conquest and domination."

With the 86th Congress due to open its second session next week, Meany warned that the right-wing coalition "will fight again this year to frustrate every effort to achieve vital civil rights legislation."

First pensions to Carpenters go to 79 at banquet Monday

Retired carpenters from 42 counties, the first to become eligible for annual pensions under the Carpenters Pension Trust Fund for Northern California, will be honored at a Presentation Dinner, Monday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Club, 456 Post Street, San Francisco.

Pension checks will be awarded 79 members, among them four men who have served their union and industry for more than a half a century, according to E. A. Brown of Santa Rosa, Trust Fund chairman.

Harry Pretty, 84, of 1823 Thomas Avenue, Fresno, is the oldest member and has been in Fresno Carpenters Local No. 701 for 56 years. Harry S. Lefholz, 81, of 43 May Lane, Los Altos, has been in Palo Alto Local No. 668 for the same length of time and Enoch Rhodes of 4672 East Madison Avenue, Fresno, has also been a member with Pretty of Fresno Local No. 701 for 56 years. Adam Klingman of 724 - 42nd Street, Sacramento, has been in his Local No. 586 for 52 years.

Industry Co-chairman of the Fund is J. I. Hennessy of Oakland, who is Executive Secretary of the Associated Home Builders of Greater East Bay, Inc.

Members of the Dinner Committee include Paul Lofton of Stockton, Union Trustee from the San Joaquin District Council of Carpenters and J. A. Stinson, Executive Secretary of the Central Contractors and Builders Association of the East Bay.

Checks will range up to \$50 monthly under the fund, which covers 84 local unions and eight district councils from Tulare to Oregon, supported by contribu-

tions from more than 6,400 employers.

Eligible pensioners include James Flynn, 3242 Bona Street, Oakland; Percy T. Dabadie, 1327 Sherman Street, Alameda; Harry J. Spjut, 2108 Byron Street; Oscar Hendrickson, 1120 1/2 Delaware, and Clarence Betz, 1535 Delaware Street, all of Berkeley; Guy E. Harrison, 2832 - 20th Street, and Charles H. Johnson, 1868 Mason Street, both San Pablo; Axel Swanson, 2952 DeAnza Drive, Albert Waring, 480 McLaughlin Street, George Ristrem, 2522 Gaynor Avenue, Alphonse J. Pleau, 1310 Nevin Avenue, Leonard C. Musson, 6065 Ralston Avenue, Joseph E. LeSage, 920 Humboldt Street, Hans P. Furseth, 723 - 39th Street, and Harry E. Cecil, 2540 Lowell Avenue, all of Richmond.

Adolph Ehlers, 131 Loftus Road, Pittsburg; Clyde O. Foster, 1150 Plaza Drive, and Clarence Hamrick, 709 Kelly Avenue, Martinez; Mario Fassio, 1670 Reliez Valley Road, and Frederick H. Baker, 3488 Moraga Blvd., Lafayette, are others eligible.

CLC MEETS JANUARY 4 AND THE BTC JANUARY 5

With the holidays skipping merrily to a close, union business will get back to normal next week, and both the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council will resume regular meetings.

The Central Labor Council will meet Monday, January 4, and the Building Trades Council Tuesday, January 5. All set for 1960! Let's go!

HOW TO BUY

U. S. suspends lamb grading

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

Never in the past 25 years have moderate-income families been so gulled by sellers, advertisers and money-lenders, with serious damage not only to your own budget but to the national economy. In past weeks new scandals have been on the front pages daily.

People are being short-weighted at the meat counter and short-tanked at the gas station, as the current exposures in several states show. They are being deceived by advertisers and over-charged heavily for medicines. When they seek to buy auto insurance on a group basis to trim some of that high cost, they're blocked by state laws.

They are also being charged the highest interest rates in 25 years to finance cars, appliances and houses, and at the same time are going into hock for the biggest debts they have ever shouldered. The recession of 1958 was hardly over before installment debts started soaring again. They have increased six billion dollars in just the past year, to a record total of fifty billion dollars.

Latest blow to your buying power is the action of the U. S. Agriculture Department in suspending Federal grading of lamb. This comes at the very time that investigations are revealing that not only are buyers often cheated on amounts, but sometimes lower grades are passed off as higher.

Federal grading is voluntary, not mandatory. Some packers and retailers never made it available to you at all.

But among those stores that did sell lamb on the basis of Federal grades, and continue to sell graded beef, the grades markings assure you of getting the quality you pay for. When a cut of meat carries the U. S.

"Good" stamp, you know this is a satisfactory but lower grade, and you expect to pay less than for the "Choice" grade. Without Federal grades, you may be sold the "Good" grade and be charged the "Choice" price, or be sold the even lower "Utility" grade and pay the price of the "Good".

Both consumers and small independent meat packers wanted to keep Federal lamb grades. The big packers have been working for 15 years to get rid of Federal grades altogether. If there are none, the big packers have an advantage. They can push their own brand names with heavy advertising. You'll be left with no guide but such meaningless brand names or your own knowledge of how to tell meat quality.

Ironically, when Agriculture Secretary Benson last summer first disclosed the possibility of suspending lamb grading, there were so many protests from consumers and small packers that the Agriculture Department said it would continue grading lamb. In December the Department made a complete turnabout and announced it had suspended grading for a year. Whether or not the grades are ever restored, the large packers now have an opportunity to corner the lamb market.

Consumer organizations and individual families are protesting the suspension of lamb grades by writing to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, and to the Director of the Livestock Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Maybe snacks only soon

Eating of three square meals a day may be harder on the heart and arteries than nibbling of the same amount of food in frequent feedings, a research scientist says.

Dr. Clarence Cohn of Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago suggested that the day might come when the conventional lunch hour would disappear in favor of short "food breaks."

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

NEW YEAR'S DAY, if there's any money left in the household till after the Christmas potlatch, and any time for thinking, one turns to thoughts of improving the home during the coming year.

Many of us think that if we just had more money, we could have a very lovely home indeed.

BUT RICH FOLKS often make fools of themselves when they make their homes lavish displays of what is not necessarily bad taste, but at least of taste which is based on the merest follow-the-leader impulse.

An English writer, Alex Atkinson, in his new book, "By Rocking Chair Across America," has a lot of fun poking ridicule at some of these lavishly laid out homes in this country.

IN TEXAS, says this irreverent Englishman, he called on a man in the man's home, and describes it as follows:

"He had a typical Texan ranch house, with a log fire in every room, Chippendale ironing boards, Staffordshire china, a view of the gulf, monogrammed scatter rugs, a wife like last year's Miss Rheingold, and a daughter like next year's."

"His convertible was brand new, but he had it impregnated with a special concoction to make it smell of very old leather and spaniels. It was fitted with a shower, a herb garden, a folding boudoir, an ashtray, and an electric device for sharpening scythes."

THAT'S KIDDING, of course, but it gives in reverse a lot of sound device on interior decoration and how not to gadgetize our automobiles.

Quit Congress or be divorced!

Austria has been one the leading states of the world in granting women equal rights, allowing them to practice the learned professions and represent the people in Parliament, the law has not in all respects kept pace with this changed status. In many respects it is almost 150 years out of date.

Although a woman can run for Parliament and be elected freely, if she does so her husband can order her to give up her seat. If she refuses to do that, he can divorce her because Austrian law, still based on the common law, regulations of 1811, lays down that the husband has the right to decide whether his wife shall practice a profession or not. Disobedience in this matter is a ground for divorce.

Greetings, 1960

By EDITH McCONN

Deck the halls with boughs of holly—
Made of plastic, but quite jolly.

Light the Yule-log. Watch its flaming.
Gas, of course, but smartly shaming

Damp wood fire with dismal sputter,
Causing Dad such words to utter!

Hail the tree! Yes, it's synthetic.
But we're not apologetic.

Mother will not soon be dreading
All that messy needle-shedding.

See the table, decked with bowers
Of faked-up fruit and nuts and flowers.

Behold the turkey on the platter.
Wait! Now that's another matter!

Fun is fun. Enough's enough.
The Bird must be authentic stuff.

And so it is. On with the frolic.
Away with all that's melancholic.

Away with worry and with fear.
With real joy greet the glad New Year.

Home laundress given warning

The laundering of wash-and-wear fabrics "can never be a completely automatic process," Jules Labarthe of the Carnegie Institute of Technology says.

Speaking at meetings of the American Home Laundry Manufacturers' Association, Labarthe questioned whether bleaches should be used "as frequently and as easily as the new automatic machines permit."

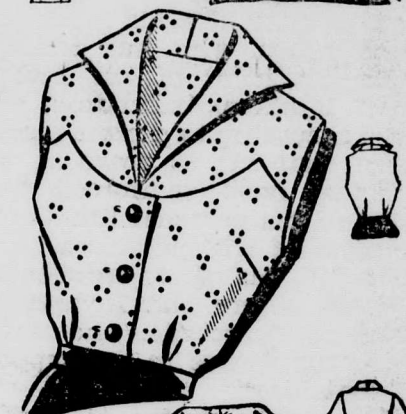
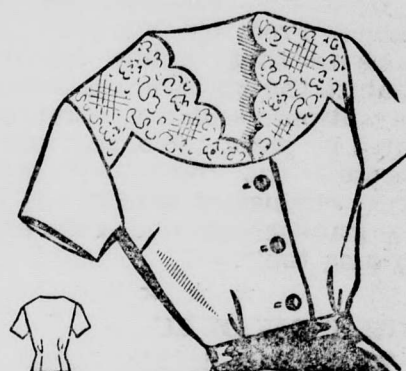
Because of the increase in mixed loads in laundering, the push-button operation that dispenses bleaches into the wash water may wreak havoc on garments, he noted. The textile expert said it might be better if women were required to think before they poured.

He cited cases where white wash-and-wear fabrics turned yellow, finishes washed out, odor appeared and dyes faded. Labarthe said that for a total understanding of the problem there should be a closer working arrangement between fiber developers, textile manufacturers, garment makers, appliance producers and consumers.

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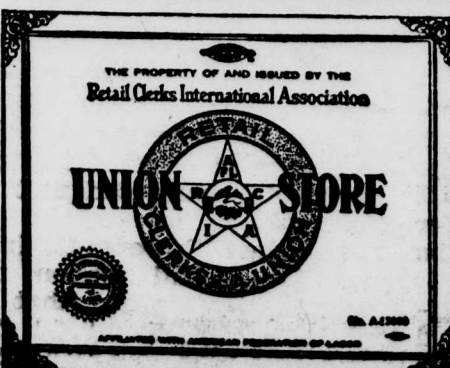
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Largest pension check handed to member Carpet Layers 1290

The first pension check paid to a member of Local 1290, Carpet & Linoleum Layers, was presented to brother C. L. Larsen Thursday night, December 17, 1959, at the regular meeting of the local.

The presentation was made by the trustees of the Pension Fund. Brothers McIntire and Gladding are the trustees for Local 1290. Hal Jones who is President of Local 1290 is an alternate trustee.

Ralph Anderson of Anderson Carpet & Linoleum Co. and Russ White of Conklin Brothers are trustees for the employers. Gunnar Hansen of Superior Tile Co. is also an alternate and acted in the place of Russ White who was unable to be present.

Brother Roy Erickson who re-

tired from the trade, had less than the required amount of time in the local will receive \$65.00 a month.

Brother Larsen will receive the normal pension of \$100 a month as he had the required amount of time in the local.

The name of the fund is the East Bay Resilient Floor Covering Pension Fund and covers most of the Bay Area counties and the territory around Sacramento, comprising the jurisdictions of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers Locals 1290 Oakland, 1235 San Francisco and 1237 Sacramento.

The pensions were paid retroactive to January 1, 1959. Brother Larsen received \$1200 which was the largest check paid to any member in any of the locals from the fund.

"We think we have one of the finest Pension Funds in the Country and are rather proud of it," said one of the trustees.



LARGEST PENSION CHECK so far handed to any member of the Carpet, Linoleum, & Soft Tile Pension Fund is shown being given to Chester L. Larsen (right), member of Local 1290. He is shown receiving \$1200 check for the first year of retirement. Others shown are (left to right): G. A. McIntire, business representative and trustee; Ralph G. Anderson, trustee; Gunnar Hansen, trustee; Hal Jones, president and alternate trustee; Larry Gladding, financial secretary and trustee.

Evening School opening Jan. 4 with new courses

When the evening school winter term opens on January 4, the program of the Oakland Technical Evening School will include additional business education classes which have been organized to meet the requests of interested men and women.

Information about all courses may be obtained by calling at the Oakland Technical Evening School office, Broadway at 42nd Street. Registration hours beginning January 4 are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and 6 to 9:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Reuther warns organized industrial workers

WASHINGTON — America's 7 million organized industrial workers must gird for fresh attacks in the legislative arena and at the bargaining table from anti-union forces "emboldened by their success" in enacting the Punitive Landrum-Griffin Act, Walter P. Reuther, president of the AFLCIO Industrial Union Department has warned. Reuther says that reactionaries have selected industrial unions as their "major target for extinction." — **AFLCIO News.**

Dan Del Carlo on Industrial Board

Daniel Del Carlo, business representative of the San Francisco Building Trades Council, has resigned his place on the Golden Gate Bridge Board, and been appointed by Governor Brown to the Industrial Accident Commission. He succeeds to the place recently resigned by John J. Synon, a Knight appointee.

Del Carlo's new post pays \$15,000 a year.

Ground lost last year, Hayes warns

Al J. Hayes, general president of the International Association of Machinists, says in his New Year message to the membership that labor last year "lost ground," attributing this to "our inability to expand our organizing efforts" and inability "to acquaint our members with the real issues confronting our country."

NAM works on political war chest COPE warns

The NAM is pushing a new drive to persuade employers to contribute money to its political "front," the United Business Committee, the national COPE office reported this week.

President Bruce Jeffris of Parker Pen Company, who heads the United Business Committee, has sent out a circular appeal to industry executives urging them to contribute up to \$100 or more to the anti-labor work of the committee.

This money, Jeffris makes clear, will be used to finance a stepped-up drive for additional legislation to curb unions. That's what Jeffris calls the committee's "important work ahead."

In his circular appeal, Jeffris boasts that the NAM and its

United Business Committee played a major role in securing enactment of the Landrum-Griffin Bill by Congress this year.

"Yes, we have won a battle!" Jeffris gloats in his letter. He said passage of the Landrum-Griffin Bill was a "strong follow-through of public education which contributions to our committee helped to achieve."

Jeffris added, however, that "winning even a major battle won't win our war against union abuses." He called for further contributions to the NAM front to help put over a program which he outlined as follows:

"We must now strive to reduce or equalize the excessive power

in the leadership of some unions, to place unions under anti-trust laws, provide for secret ballots, regulate union political activities, curb compulsory unionism (the union shop), and eliminate wasteful featherbedding practices."

The national COPE office reports fund-raising by the United Business Committee for political-legislative purposes is not new. The committee is seeking to raise contributions from business and industry at the rate of 50 cents for each \$1,000 of gross annual payroll, which would yield a total of \$32 million annually, if all contributed on that basis. — **California Labor Federation.**

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WILSON & CO. board of directors meeting in Chicago is picketed by members of the Packinghouse Workers executive board in protest against company's provocation of strike and refusal to bargain.

How will unions stand on consumer issues when hit?

Now it seems — at least this writer likes to think so — that the consumer is about to get a better break, but it won't be without some knockdown, drag-out fights.

Organized labor will undoubtedly be right in the middle of all these scraps.

Where will we stand? This question was raised by East Bay Labor Journal which pointed out that in the past there has been some tendency on the part of some unions to side with management in differences with consumers.

This writer also remembers the local storm which was raised a few years back when the Labor Citizen carried a story on the unsafe chemical reactions of soft drinks. A representative of a union with a contract in that industry protested loud and long. So this writer wonders . . .

What, will the auto workers do when the day dawns on necessary proposals to limit the size, gas consumption and smog output of America's combination living-bedrooms on wheels?

What will happen when the government starts to move against shoddy merchandise which happens to be produced by union members?

Where will we stand? — Editor George Ballis in Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno).

Legal services to group under study

A report of the Committee on Group Legal Services of the State Bar, containing recommendations which may be of importance to labor organizations as well as other groups which utilize group legal services, has been published in the May-June issue of the Journal of the State Bar of California.

The report is called to the attention of affiliates by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, because of its referral to a subcommittee of the State Board of the Bar Association for study and report at its August 1959 meeting. Some affiliates may wish to make appropriate representation to the State Board at this August meeting.

Haggerty noted that the report of the Committee on Group Legal Services discusses in detail the relationship between attorneys and labor organizations and their members. Some of the recommendations, if adopted, will have the effect of changing historic relationships insofar as some labor organizations are concerned.

Those unions using group legal services may obtain a copy of the May-June 1959 issue of the Journal of the State Bar from the State Bar headquarters, 2100 Central Tower, San Francisco.—California Labor Federation

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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

As we welcome in the New Year 1960, we might look back over our shoulder at the past year 1959 and be thankful for many things including our health, happiness, the labor movement and our union.

From this writer's viewpoint, Local 342 has enjoyed a successful year in 1959. While all of our members have not been employed on a full time basis, this is also true of other members of the United Association both in the State of California and on a national basis. This is also true with a great many Building Trades Construction workers. It seems that all unions have a few too many members to provide work for, however, on a national basis our union has had more than its share the past year. Our union's wage scale is one of the highest in the nation. We have good conditions, good relationship with sister local unions, with the employers and with other crafts. We have a good health and welfare plan, covering the members and dependents. The 1959 contract negotiations included a pension plan and from all indications the first pension plan checks will be forthcoming January 1961. Financially we are on a good sound basis as our commercial account shows a substantial increase over the year 1958. So, with your newly elected and reelected officers working together the members of this union should enjoy as good and prosperous a year in 1960 as the past year.

Lou, Bill and I join you in welcoming the New Year and wish to take this opportunity to extend to you and yours a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Also, we wish to remind you that the installation of officers will be held on Thursday, January 7, 1960, at which time the old time members of this union will be honored and certificates will be presented to the 1959 graduating apprentices. There will be a buffet lunch and refreshments will be served at this time. We will be looking forward with pleasure to spending an enjoyable evening with you.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

The Santa season is over and gone so there remains only the New Year to meet and greet. I hope yours will be happy and work sufficient to keep you busy.

There is one thing I would like to see you do next year to help yourself and do our job more easily. Spend a dime for a time book and keep a record of your work and while at it clip in your check stubs with the record. It's understood that not much can be done on disputed items without these basic records, but when you have them the problems are usually solvable in good order.

There will be a general meeting of the Credit Union in January on a Saturday and members and interested parties should be present and see how we have done in the past year. I will report more on this.

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Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Due to the holiday weekends we do not have any activity to report to you.

SAN JOSE MEETING NOTICE: San Jose meeting, Tuesday, January 5, 1960, Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa Street, San Jose, 8:00 p.m.

Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

The Christmas party committee, Ermine Sullivan, Mary Stapleton, Betty Bowdish and May Marquand, deserve no end of praise for the work they put in to make the Christmas party the huge success that it was. Fun, laughter and song ruled the day. I have but one regret, even to our festivities the turnout was small. One always looks forward to seeing faces one doesn't see throughout the year and is much disappointed not to, especially when such effort was put into something like this.

The regular business meeting will be held as usual on the first Thursday of the month, which will be Thursday January 7, 1960 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3245 Sheffield Ave.

We wish all our members who possibly can will be there, for coming up for discussion is the matter of whether or not we shall continue meeting at the Center or go back to meeting at the homes again.

There will be a no host luncheon, each bringing their own lunch. Hope to see you at the meeting. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Indonesia first port for SS Hope

WASHINGTON — Indonesia will be the first stop for the "SS Hope" — the floating medical center to be launched this spring through the voluntary contributions of the American people.

Project Hope, strongly endorsed by the AFL-CIO convention in San Francisco last September, was described by AFL-CIO President George Meany in a recent letter to affiliated unions and central bodies as "a humanitarian public service at its finest." He urged unions and union members to help meet the \$3.5 million cost of refitting a Navy hospital ship and maintaining the project for a year through contributions sent to Hope, P. O. Box 9808, Washington 15, D. C.—AFL-CIO News.

New editor named by Brewery Union

CINCINNATI — Jim Carter, for the past decade an associate editor of the Railway Clerk, has been named editor of the Brewery Worker effective January 1. The Brewery Worker and the Railway Clerk are the official publications of their respective unions.

Carter succeeds Emil Beinecke, editor of the Brewery Worker for the past 21 years. Beinecke is writing a history of the union preparatory to his retirement in 1961 — AFL-CIO News.

Apprenticeship to be theme of State Conference in May

Webb Green, president, IBEW Local 11, Los Angeles, and Fred Schmitz, Fred A. Schmitz Plumbing and Heating, Redwood City, were elected chairman and co-chairman, respectively, of the California Conference on Apprenticeship to be held May 18, 19, 20, 1960, Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco.

Elected also were: Edward J. Hibbert, supervisor of personnel, American Can Company, San Francisco, and Charles Sanford, apprentice Coordinator, Los Angeles District Council of Carpenters, secretary and co-secretary; Herbert W. Rubottom, chief, educational services, Convair, San Diego, and George J. Wilson, general secretary, Monterey Bay Area Apprenticeship Committee, Monterey, were elected treasurer and co-treasurer.

The election took place at the planning committee meeting of the conference in Fresno. The Committee also considered overall plans for the coming statewide event.

In a joint statement the Chairman and Co-Chairman declared, "The constant changes in the labor forces, poses a real challenge to our apprenticeship program throughout the State. At this conference it is our objective to stimulate thinking on the part of management, labor, schools, as well as the general public to the need for expanding as well as improving our apprenticeship program throughout the State."

Economist warns against unemployment in future

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Unemployment compensation programs in 15 key industrial states face the grim prospect of being unable to weather another business recession in 1961 or 1962, a University of Michigan economist has warned.

Prof. William Haber, a member and former chairman of the Federal Advisory Council on Employment Security, called for a "vigorous reappraisal" of the entire unemployment insurance system to prevent such a disaster. — AFL-CIO News.

Industrial peace group fights 'right to work'

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Religious and political leaders have joined forces here to establish the Vermont Council for Industrial Peace to oppose efforts of right-wing forces to saddle a so-called "right-to-work" law on labor-management relations.

Among the founders of the committee are Bishop Robert F. Joyce of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington; Bishop Vedder Van Dyck of the Vermont Episcopal Diocese; Rabbi Max B. Wall of Burlington; and Lt. Governor Robert S. Babcock.—AFL-CIO News.



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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The next regular meeting of Tuesday, January 5, 1960, has been changed to the following Friday, January 8, at which time we will honor as our special guests, members who are to receive Grand Lodge rewards for continuous membership for fifteen years and over.

There will be a short business meeting between seven and eight p.m., followed by the installation of officers, introductions and presentations of awards.

As soon as possible the floor will be cleared for dancing. Refreshments will be served in an adjoining hall.

I sincerely hope you will take this opportunity to honor these members by your presence and enjoy an evening of good fellowship with your brother members.

Be sure to bring a partner and joy an evening of good fellowship music of Brother Larry Cabral and his orchestra.

Best wishes to you and yours for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

M. F. "Mac" DAMAS,
Financial Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 19.

Fraternally,

ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 36

There will be no further meetings of Local 36 until January 8, 1960.

All officers and delegates wish to take this opportunity to wish all Carpenters and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The next regular meeting at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, Friday, January 8 at 8 p.m.

The December 25 meeting and the January 1, 1960 meetings have been cancelled because of Christmas and New Year holidays.

Fraternally yours,

MARIUS WALDAL
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

The next regular meeting will be held January 8, 1960. Let's start the New Year right by attending this meeting.

The officers of Local 40 want to wish all of our members and their families a special wish for a prosperous year in 1960.

Fraternally yours,

GENE SLATER
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

MILLMEN 550

Due to the holidays, no meeting of this local union will be held until January 15, 1960.

Fraternally,

GEORGE WHITE,
President
JACK ARCHIBALD,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, January 7, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. Executive board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Please fill out the Pension Plan Enrollment and Past Service Claim forms, mailed to you recently, and return to our business office at once.

Installation of officers will be held Thursday, January 7, 1960. Following the installation of officers, a buffet luncheon and refreshments will be served.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES MARTIN
Financial Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting of U of C Employees Local 371 will be held at the Colombo Hall, 5321 Claremont Ave., Oakland at 2 p.m. The executive board will meet at the same place at 11 a.m. The election of officers for the coming year will be in order.

The polls will be opened at 11 a.m. and closed at 4:30 p.m. to give the Saturday members time to vote.

This is your opportunity to put into office members who in your opinion would be helpful to the local, and its many problems. Don't let a John Doe committee decide for you. This is your union, and should be operated as a unit for the betterment of all, not to foster or promote an individual or a group of individuals. So be sure and exercise your right as a member of your union, and vote for the member who you think should fill the office with satisfaction.

Fraternally,

C. F. MARTIN,
Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

The regular meeting dated January 15, 1960 will be followed by a Special Call to nominate candidates to be elected as members of our executive board, and as delegates to the California State Conference of Painters convention to be held in San Diego, February 26, 27, 28, 1960. The election of candidates in both instances will be held at a later date. You will be so notified.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting has been postponed to January 9, 1960, due to the New Year holiday, and will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, at 2:00 p.m. This is a required meeting and subject to an absentee fine of \$5.00 as election of officers will be held.

If unable to attend due to circumstances beyond your control, please write or phone President Fred Venturi or the secretary and your excuse will be presented to the Executive Board for consideration.

The executive board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,

JOE FALLS,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Carpenters will hold a Special Called meeting on Friday, January 15, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters convention to be held in Sacramento.

Fraternally,

JACK W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

How to organize credit union told in pamphlet

WASHINGTON — The advantages of establishing a credit union and a step-by-step program for achieving this aim are outlined in a new AFLCIO publication entitled "How to Organize a Credit Union."

Copies of "How to Organize a Credit Union," publication No. 100, are available at 5 cents each in quantities of 1-99, and 4 cents each for orders of 100 or more, and can be obtained from the AFLCIO Department of Publications, 815 - 16th Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. — AFLCIO News.

Drive to organize corporation farms advances

CHICAGO — The AFLCIO will press its campaign to organize the nation's farm workers, declaring it "will not be easy . . . but it will be done."

John W. Livingston, AFLCIO Director of Organization, told a farm labor conference here that a "pilot project" has been set up "quietly, without national fanfare," in California's San Joaquin Valley.

California's corporation farmers must credit labor with a better than even chance of success, he said, for the growers reportedly have raised a "one-million dollar war chest."

Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio hailed the AFLCIO project as a "noteworthy achievement" which "may signal the dawn of a better day."

The two day meeting, sponsored by the Catholic Council on Working Life, a lay group of the Chicago Archdiocese, brought together nearly 300 church, union, civic, farm and government leaders.

The conference discussed the problems of the 2 million men, women and child farm workers, focused on the 500,000 migrants who average less than \$900 a

year and dealt with the impact of the government's program of importing some 450,000 Mexican farm workers each year for growers.

Lucey said the exploitation of migrants is "inevitable" when the grower faces the temptation of "defenseless" workers at 50 cents an hour, when there is no union, when there is no legal protection like the right to organize or a wage-hour law.

"Strong unions of agricultural

Ike has no interest in welfare, says Mrs. Meyer

WASHINGTON — The Eisenhower Administration was hauled over the coals for "indifference" to the nation's social needs by Agnes E. Meyer in a speech to the American Public Welfare Association.

Mrs. Meyer, widow of the chairman of the board of The Washington Post, a newspaper which was among the earliest supporters of Eisenhower, said the Administration "has consistently ignored the constitutional duty to promote the general welfare." — AFLCIO News.

workers," the Archbishop said, "would do much to balance the present inequities and suppress the immoralities which are now rampant in agriculture."

Livingston called the plight of the migrants a "national disgrace." He urged that Congress extend to them the protection of the federal wage-hour law, social security and the right to organize.

"These workers are going to organize," Livingston declared. "Laws or no laws and despite problems of mobility, inaccessibility and employer hostility, we are going to bring these workers the same benefits of organization that their fellow workers in other industries enjoy." — AFLCIO News.

U. S. foreign flag ship owner fighting unions

William C. White, president, Alcoa Steamship Company, has sent letters to heads of 400 American corporations with overseas investments asking for help against maritime unions' drive to organize U. S. foreign flag ships.

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Typos have right to set up a fair paper, court says

The International Typographical Union has won a complete victory in the multi-million dollar anti-trust suit brought against it by the non-union Scott Publishing Company of Kennewick, Washington, the union has announced from its Indianapolis headquarters.

Under date of December 2 in a 30-page opinion handed down at Seattle, U. S. District Judge William D. Murray ruled that the plaintiff, publishers of the Tri-City Herald of Kennewick, failed to show that the ITU and its co-defendants had conspired to run the Herald out of business.

Glenn L. Lee is publisher and Robert F. Phillip is president of the Scott Company, which has sued for \$6,625,571 damages and \$500,000 in attorney fees. The case was instigated in 1955.

Co-defendants with the ITU were Columbia Basin Publishers, Inc., publishers of the Columbia Basin News of Pasco, Washington, Kennewick - Pasco Typographical Union No. 831, Seattle Typographical Union No. 202, the ITU's executive officers, and the Allied Printing Trades Council of Seattle.

Basis of the plaintiff's charges was that the ITU, through a publishing corporation, Unitypo, Inc., had given financial assistance to the News, and thus had joined with the publishers of the News and Kennewick - Pasco Typographical Union, which was on strike against the Herald, to cut advertising rates, conduct a circulation war and to carry on other actions to put the Herald out of business.

"The evidence does not show either an actual restraint of trade or monopoly, or the specific intent on the part of the defendants, either individually or in combination, to restrain trade or create a monopoly in the daily newspaper business in the Tri-City area," Judge Murray ruled.

The Tri-City area includes the cities of Kennewick and Richland in Benton County, and Pasco in Franklin County, Washington. The region was a farming area prior to World War II, but with the end of the war began to thrive after the Hanford Atomic Works was established at Richland and the McNary Dam was completed on the Columbia River and brought ample electrical energy for industrial expansion.

The Kennewick-Pasco local of the ITU went on strike against the Herald in 1950, after an impasse was reached in negotiations.

Judge Murray said the desire of the local to help establish what is considered a fair newspaper to compete with an unfair newspaper was "a perfectly natural result of the circumstances which existed at the time."

Algerian and Hungarian suppressions attacked

GENEVA — The suppression of trade union rights and the flagrant violations of justice in Algeria and Hungary were bitterly denounced at the four-day session here of the International Labor Organizations Governing Body. — AFLCIO News.

Canadian Labor Congress urges tripartite meet

OTTAWA — The Canadian Labor Congress has called on high government leaders to convene a tripartite conference of industry, labor and government officials to consider "positive" means for paving the way for better labor relations in Canada. — AFLCIO News.



MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD of Oregon State AFLCIO demonstrate their support for striking members of Stereotypers in Portland, Oregon, by joining picket line in front of building where both the Oregonian and the Oregon Journal are publishing a joint newspaper with the aid of imported scabs. Leading the procession of pickets are (from right) J. D. McDonald, Oregon State AFLCIO president; J. T. Marr, executive secretary; and Anne Chambers, vice president.

Berkeleyan named one of the first 3 FEPC field men

Appointment of the first three field staff members of the State Division of Fair Employment Practices—one in the Bay Area and two in Los Angeles—was announced in a press release by John Anson Ford, chairman of the new FEP Commission.

Chosen for the position of "Fair Employment Consultant"—a temporary job class pending examinations to be given later under the State Civil Service Act—were Robert H. K. Walter of Berkeley and Ezell R. Brown and Murray Brasky of Los Angeles. Walter will be assigned to the Northern California office of the FEP Division in San Francisco, and Brown and Brasky to the Los Angeles office, serving all of Southern California.

Walter, 37, is presently program secretary of Stiles Hall, the University of California YMCA in Berkeley. He is a graduate of UC law school and a member of the California bar. In the academic years 1957-59 he administered a special Stiles Hall program of education "in the meaning and application of the Bill of Rights, directed to the University community." In the past two summers he had a principal responsibility for organizing, on the Berkeley campus, conferences for teachers on "Racial Diversity in California Public Schools." Walter is married, has three children, and resides at 1825 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley.

The main responsibilities of the new position will be investigation of complaints of unlawful employment discrimination, formulating recommendations for settlement of cases, and assisting in the general information-education program of the new State anti-discrimination agency. Additional appointments in this category will be made later, both north and south, said Ford.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING permits issued in the nine Bay Area counties in November totalled \$1,790,496, according to figures released by the San Francisco Bay Area Council. This figure was well below the \$8,212,680 registered in November, 1958, the highest monthly total on record. The heaviest dollar concentration, \$674,661 was recorded in Alameda County last month and the largest industrial permit, also issued in Alameda, was granted the Earl H. Jorgenson Company for a \$441,046 addition to its plant.

New drive to get rid of those runaway ships

NEW YORK — The drive to end the exploitation of 70,000 seamen aboard "runaway" ships and to bring them the human dignity of fair wages and decent working conditions has entered an important new phase with the formation of a new union—the International Maritime Workers Union.

Creation of the new union was announced by President Joseph Curran of the Maritime Union and President Paul Hall of the Seafarers, whose memberships last month overwhelmingly endorsed the joint organizing effort.

Hall and Curran will serve as co-chairmen of the new union, which will direct its efforts toward bringing trade union economic and working standards to crews of ships flying "flags of convenience." — AFLCIO News.

Civil Rights Commission Report made available

WASHINGTON — The 1959 report of the U. S. Commission of Civil Rights can now be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., for \$2 a copy. An abridgement of the 668-page report, entitled With Liberty and Justice for All, is also available for 60 cents a copy. — AFLCIO News.

Biggest private utility in world signs contract

NEW YORK — Consolidated Edison Co., the largest private utility in the world, has signed a new two-year contract with the Utility Workers calling for an average 40-cent-an-hour wage and benefit increase for its 25,000 employees. — AFLCIO News.

Highway accidents don't just happen but are created

Highway accidents, in the majority of cases, can be traced to definite acts which "had their origin in some person's bad judgment or faulty attitude." That was the summation of Deputy Chief John J. Agnew, in charge of traffic in Washington, D.C., in a talk before the District of Columbia Trucking Association.

He outlined what he believes are "dangerous attitudes," that apply to both passenger car and commercial vehicle drivers. They are in part:

- 1—The selfish, or "me first" attitude, reflected in discourteous behavior, lack of consideration for others.
- 2—Self-importance which gives some drivers the idea that they're too big for the rules, even though nobody is that important.
- 3—Overconfidence which can "sneak up" on a person who has a good traffic record.
- 4—Fatalism of some drivers who think "when my number is up I'll go, and there's nothing I can do about it." This belief is not supported by facts, Chief Agnew said. "People die in traffic, not because their 'number is up' but because they commit foolish, dangerous and unlawful acts."
- 5—Hostility—feelings of anger and resentment that have a way of building up until things are done that would not be done in a calmer, more pleasant state of mind.
- 6—Competitiveness—an attitude very useful in life—but dangerous on the highway—Southern California Teamster

Demand the Union Label!

Youth and health and welfare get more Crusade help

Youth, health and welfare agencies in Alameda County—89 in all—will share \$227,674 more in United Crusade funds in 1960 than they did as a result of the 1958 campaign, it was stated by the Bay Area Crusade office in Alameda County.

The increase, which is part of the \$2,528,340 county-wide allocations, represents 9.9 percent more for the agencies than what they've had to work with during 1959, according to Arthur Melka, Crusade allocations committee chairman.

Melka pointed out, "Although the funds do not meet all the needs of our agencies, the increase will do much to substantially improve service programs to the community."

"We have only scratched the surface in our effort to match community growth with growing community service," Melka said.

The largest portion of the \$2 million plus figure—a total of \$1,793,292—will go to the Federation of Community Services for distribution to agencies within its own jurisdiction. These would include youth and recreation services, day homes and nurseries and family service agencies. Slated for distribution to four national agencies which serve the county area was a total of \$724,783.

Three county chapters of the American National Red Cross—in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda—will share a total of \$650,515 in 1960. This represents an increase over last year's allocations of \$51,388.

Earmarked to the United Service Organization was a total of \$47,500 which will be used to carry on their program of service to our Armed Forces personnel. This is a jump of \$2,975 over last year's allocation.

The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, which carries on its campaign against crippling rheumatic diseases, will get \$12,898 with which to carry on its program. An increase over last year of \$1,306 was indicated here.

Set aside for the Alameda County Mental Health Association is \$13,870. This will mean a \$4,203 increase over last year for this agency which works for the improved care and treatment of the mentally ill.

Worldwide boycott of South African products

BRUSSELS — The executive board of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has voted unanimously to press for a worldwide consumers' boycott against goods produced in the Union of South Africa.

The action was taken by the ICFTU board in the hope that refusal to buy foodstuffs and other agricultural products from South Africa would have some influence on South African supporters of apartheid (racial segregation) policies. — AFLCIO News.

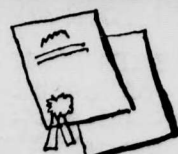
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HOUR'S PAY PER MONTH TO STEEL STRIKE FUND

The AFLCIO in September asked every member of every affiliated union to contribute one hour's pay per month for the duration, to the Steel Strike Fund. President Meany says that the need for this fund is still more urgent now, so that the strike can be continued if necessary after the January 26 ending of the period of T-H enforced labor.

Send your checks to your international union office, made out to AFLCIO Strike Fund; or to your local union office; or pay the cash to your local union office, getting a receipt indicating that the payment is for the Steel Strike Fund.

Labor smokers are urged to write in and ask for label

Most of the nation's better-known and better-made brands of cigarettes are today being produced by members of the Tobacco Workers International Union, AFLCIO, but only one major manufacturer to date uses TWIU's distinctive union label, says a press release from that union.

Wearing the badge of honor of union labor are the products of the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corporation—Viceroy, Raleigh, Kool, Belair and Life. The union label on these outstanding brands is proof that the cigarettes are made by skilled, experienced tobacco workers who are receiving a just wage, adequate fringe benefits and decent working conditions.

While many other manufacturers of cigarettes have also signed contracts recognizing TWIU as bargaining agent for their employees, they still have not become convinced of the importance of placing the union label on their products.

Union members—all 18 million of them in the United States—are urged to write to these companies and suggest that their packages be improved through a slight change of design: the addition of the TWIU Union Label.

John O'Hare, president of TWIU, and a member of the executive board of the Union Label and Service Trades Department of the AFLCIO, has said that the companies are bound to recognize the significance of the union label when this vast bloc of consumers makes itself heard via a deluge of letters or postcards.

Don't bother writing to the R. J. Reynolds Company, however, because this is the one company which is not even eligible to honor its products with a union label. Reynolds' cigarettes—Camel, Winston, Salem and Cavalier—are definitely not union made.

Skilled Hatters forgo boost to aid unskilled

Skilled workers in one branch of the Hatters Union in New York City have forgone a wage boost in order to get a \$5 weekly increase for some 2000 unskilled and semiskilled members, mostly immigrants from Puerto Rico.

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Haggerty asks all to mobilize back of steel strikers

Pointing out that the steelworkers have been singled out as the "front line of attack by big business interests", C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, urged central labor councils statewide to mobilize full support behind the AFLCIO's Steelworkers' campaign.

"The struggle transcends the immediate interests of the steel industry and the steelworkers alone," Haggerty said. This is a battle between big business and the working people—big business and the best interests of all people."

With these words, Haggerty directed a letter to all central labor councils, urging an all-out effort behind a recently announced national AFLCIO program. This program calls upon every city central body to:

1. Mobilize a "support the steelworkers campaign" in each council publication.
2. Inform every affiliated union of the necessity and emergency of steelworker support.
3. Establish a representative committee of top leadership in each central body to contact the principal officer of each local, determining exactly what each local is doing to support the campaign.

In a follow-up action, Haggerty forwarded a copy of his central labor council letter to every affiliated local union in the state. "Full support of today's 'shock troops'—the steelworkers—can eliminate the necessity of a growing series of costly efforts to defend the simple economic justice achieved in the last quarter century", the state AFLCIO leader warned.

'Feather bed' charges held bad for railways

CLEVELAND — The unfair charges of "featherbedding" which railroad managements today are hurling at railroad workers and their unions are harmful to the rail industry, George M. Harrison, president of the Railway Clerks, told a group of women rail executives here.

Faced with tremendous competition from other forms of transportation, the railroads need the "mutual understanding and confidence" of all who work for them if cooperation is to result and the industry is going to thrive, he said. — AFLCIO News.

State Legislature now radiation danger arena

WASHINGTON — Until the new federal law "balkanizing" radiation health and safety programs can be reversed, "every state legislature becomes a battleground on the radiation safety issue," declared the AFLCIO.

President Eisenhower on September 23 signed into law a bill sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission which cedes to the states regulatory power over radiation health and safety. — AFLCIO News.

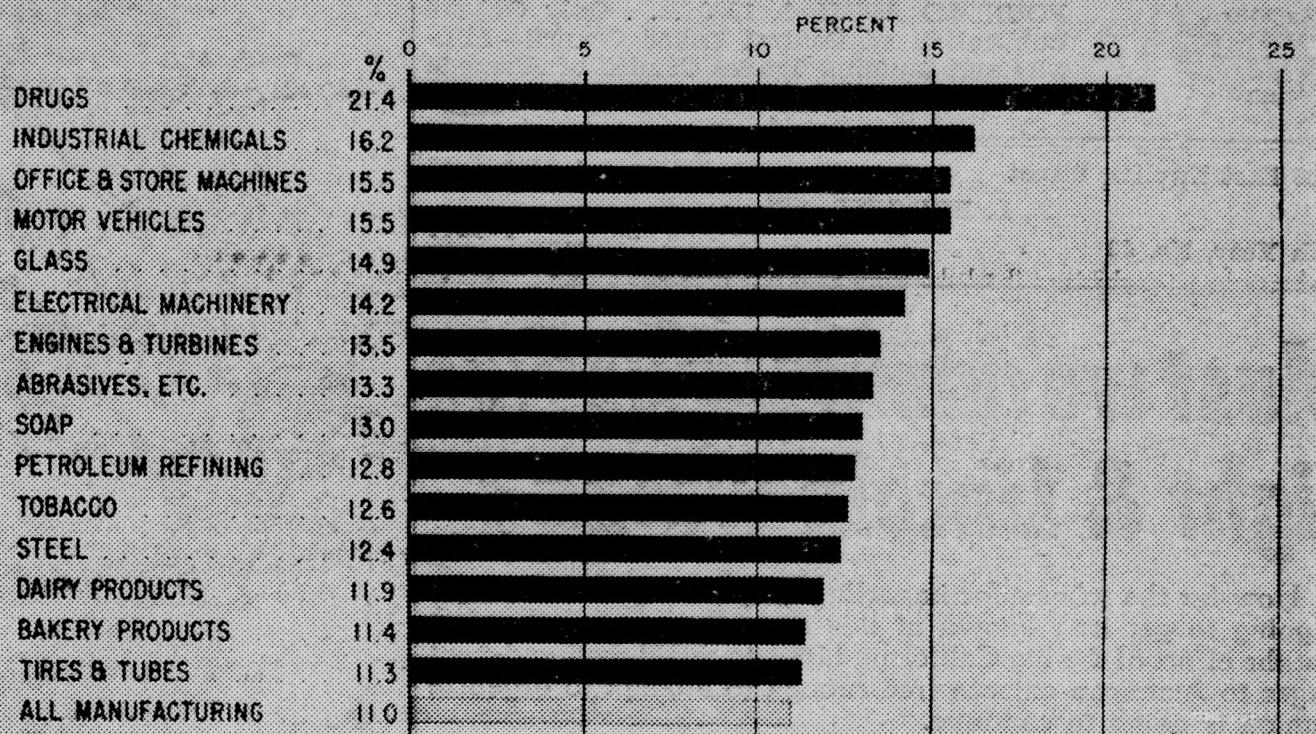
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THE PROFOUND SUSPICION that Mr. and Mrs. Average Person have long entertained—if it can be called entertaining!—that they were being taken for a ride by the drug industry seems to get some confirmation from the above chart. It was prepared by the staff of the Senate anti-trust subcommittee from Federal Trade Commission reports.

Corporationists expand training for precinct work

Many hundreds of big corporations have now begun training a virtual army of their executives for "practical politics" electioneering in the 1960 campaign, in addition to their traditional money-bags way of wielding political influence. Latest information shows this new style business-in-politics drive is rapidly breaking all records.

Moreover, reports about this drive in such pro-business publications as Fortune magazine and Newsweek reveal two highly important facts: First, the main push behind the movement is anti-labor. Second, although the movement is supposedly non-partisan, its real aim is to help the Republicans.

Spread of the business-in-politics movement is shown by a report from the U. S. Chamber of Commerce about use of its "Action Course in Practical Politics." Said the C of C: "About 700 business firms and community (business) organizations have conducted more than 1,000 courses . . . The list is growing daily."

These firms include many of the biggest corporations in the nation. In addition, at least 100 other big companies are putting their executives through a similar course supplied by the National Association of Manufacturers. — LABOR.

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Consumer, beware! is warning by the AFLCIO

WASHINGTON — The AFLCIO has issued the third edition of its pamphlet, "Consumer, Beware!", which explains the hidden high costs in some forms of installment buying. The publication has been extensively revised to include the statutory maximum small loan rates effective in each state as of September 1959, together with an updated analysis of the laws in effect in 30 states regulating installment sales contracts.

"Consumer, Beware!" is AFLCIO Publication No. 47 (Revised). It may be obtained through the AFLCIO Department of Publications, 815 - 16th St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C. It is priced at 10 cents per copy; \$7.50 for 100, \$65 for 1,000. — AFLCIO News.

Textile Workers asking some share of profits

ATLANTA — President William Pollock of the Textile Workers Union of America has called on southern textile manufacturers "to share their spectacular profits with their workers by voluntarily granting a wage increase now."

Declaring that industry's profits in the first half of 1959 "have skyrocketed to the astounding figures of 352 percent over the same period of 1958," Pollock said the industry's prospect for the future "by its own statistics and its own pronouncements is brilliant." — AFLCIO News.

Demand the Union Label!

Consumer Counsel Nelson protests ungrading of lamb

State Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson has voiced strong opposition to a scheduled year's suspension of the grading of lamb by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, Mrs. Nelson said that despite problems in grading standards, "it does not seem logical . . . that the way to solve these administrative details is to discontinue the public service."

Benson has said the grading of lamb will be suspended for a year starting January 4, 1960, to permit settlement of "differences of opinion in the lamb industry" over administrative problems of grading.

"This temporary discontinuance could easily become a permanent one," Mrs. Nelson said. She noted that grading and inspection cost the taxpayer nothing and that Benson himself has said they are important to an efficient and effective marketing program.

She said the housewife has relied on the terms, "U.S.D.A. Prime" or "U.S.D.A. Choice" for years, and the industry has educated her to be guided by the grades through its advertising.

"Surely there is no industry concern which would merit a government agency depriving the consumer of this long-received protection," Mrs. Nelson declared.

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Must we admit Davis was right & Lincoln wrong?

How far the scheme for importing Filipinos as farm laborers is going to get isn't known at this time. But we can be sure that the effort of the big California farms to avoid paying decent wages to American citizens free enough to attempt to organize a union is going to continue.

It is argued by some that agriculture simply can't compete, from this far edge of the continent, with agriculture in other parts of the country, close to the big eastern population centers, unless what amounts to slave labor is imported and used on the big California farms.

If that is admitted to be true, then it must be admitted that the American economy, with all the boasts about its efficiency and the prosperity it has brought to its people, is unable to exist without a segment of its industry—for California agriculture is now a big industry, like any other—being dependent upon an imported slave population.

If we are to admit that, we should go on to admit that Jefferson Davis was right, and Abraham Lincoln was wrong—and write the word SLAVERY upon our banner as well as the word, DEMOCRACY.

Containing the container

The International Longshoremen's Association, very soon after it returned to the fold of the AFLCIO on probation, engaged in a strike tying up the Lakes, Atlantic, and Gulf ports until a Taft-Hartley injunction sent the men back to work for a "cooling off" period.

The negotiated agreement which was worked out in the New York area where so many members of the union are concentrated has an interesting clause covering the giant containers the use of which has been criticized by the workers as replacing so many men's labor.

The agreement provides that the same size gangs will be used as now and ILA members will be employed to pack and unpack the big containers, if that is done at the piers. When that is done by non-ILA workers off the piers—which cuts down the dockside help needed—a premium will be paid to the union.

Fair trade indeed!

Last October the California Board of Pharmacy ordered a pharmacy to go out of business because it was violating the State's "fair trade" law by selling medicines to retired persons at a price less than that marked on the expensive junk by the manufacturers.

Naturally, some of the retired persons barely able to scrape along on their pensions who were thus forced to go back to paying the high prices charged—naturally they read with interest that one big drug company admits it bought in France 60 tablets of one drug for 12 cents, sold the 60 tablets wholesale at \$8.40 to retail druggists, and required the retail druggists to charge \$14 for the said 60 tablets—a jump in price from one-fifth of a cent per tablet to around \$2.35 per tablet. Fair trade indeed!

What use are pensions if you have to pay \$2.35 per pill?

Shelley to run again

Congressman Jack Shelley told the San Francisco Labor Council, of which he was formerly secretary, that he is planning to run for reelection. All good labor people are glad of that.

Of one thing we can feel sure—that no matter how harsh were some of the things that Shelley told the Labor Council he believes about the way the AFLCIO legislative program was conducted in the disastrous last session, he will do his best and vote his best to help the AFLCIO.

Compliment to Reuther

Senator Goldwater of Arizona told the Commonwealth Club that "Walter Reuther never did anything wrong with money, but I would rather have Hoffa stealing my money than Reuther stealing my freedom."

By which he meant, of course, that an honest and able labor leader is dangerous to those who wish to have the freedom to exploit their workers. A compliment to Reuther.

Don't Forget This Gift!



OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

IS IT REALLY SLAVE LABOR?

Editor, Labor Journal:

In your first editorial of December 11 you referred to the steel strikers "who are now doing forced labor under the Taft-Hartley Act." The daily press and radio too, when commenting on the injunction issued on October 21 in Pennsylvania, speak of it as ordering the men back to work against their will. If this injunction orders any man to work against his will then surely this is "involuntary servitude"—a thing that is forbidden by the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, except as a punishment for crime.

With all the ink that has been spilled about this famous injunction, I have never seen in print, the judge's order, nor even those portions of it which "forced" the striking workers to do something. Were they really ordered to return to their jobs, stay there, and "work good, like a wage-slave should"—to borrow a solecism from the Madison Avenue barbarians? Why can't we see in print the exact language used by the judge who, allegedly, condemned free American workers to "involuntary servitude", if only for 80 days?

Sincerely yours,

GLENN E. HOOVER,

Editor's Note — Councilman Hoover must be kidding. If he were on strike against something he considered intolerable, and were ordered back to work, and told he could not continue to exert his constitutional right to strike, just what would he consider his condition to be? The exact wording of the order, he would feel, surely, was irrelevant.

THOSE WHO VOTED FOR THE BILL

Editor, Labor Journal:

In regards to Mr. James C. Forsyth's letter in your issue of November 27, I want to say that I agree with him all the way, concerning voting for the Labor Bill by U. S. Senators and Congressmen. The Labor Bill is a disgrace to President Eisenhower and to every man that voted for it.

Anybody that read the Labor Bill would know that no one but a bunch of big corporation lawyers could have ever thought up such a mess. They wrote the bill and used those two quizzlings Landrum and Griffin to sign their names to it. Poor Mr. Eisenhower has been so busy vacationing, resting from his vaca-

tion, playing golf and then vacationing and resting some more and entertaining our dear Communist friends that he doesn't really know what is going on up there or even what was in the bill.

He and the whole bunch up there remind me of an incident that occurred in a little country town when I was a small boy many years ago. A small circus came to town and the main attraction to me was a bunch of trained fleas. They did all kinds of tricks but the one that stuck in my memory was one where the trainer would hold a white stick about two feet high, snap his finger and the little fellows would all line up and he would snap his finger again and they would jump the stick. That in my opinion is exactly what happened to the Labor Bill. The big corporation chiefs held the stick and snapped their finger and all "the little fleas" jumped over it. Including Mr. Eisenhower.

I have no doubt at all that Mr. Hoffa is guilty of some of the things he is accused of but any prosecuting attorney or Attorney General could have indicted him and sent him to prison but there wouldn't have been any graft to that. . . .

So my fellow union sisters and brothers let's get together and do our best to retire every man that voted for the Landrum-Griffin Bill.

RALPH J. HAYS,
Hayward, California

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SAME OLD GRIPE

A survey conducted by Printers' Ink magazine has revealed that 76 percent of the advertising industry's executives who make over \$25,000 a year are unhappy in their jobs. More than 21 percent of those interviewed blamed their gloom on the belief that they were underpaid. — IUD Bulletin.

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THE NEW DECADE

The American labor movement, which historically has been in the forefront of the never-ending struggle for freedom, liberty and social justice, has its job cut out for it as America enters the decade of the Sixties. A self-satisfied America cannot meet the challenge, nor can fatalism. — AFLCIO News.

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BISON AND 'BISON'

In your country a bison is an animal. In my country we wash our hands in it. — John Joseph Cahill, premier of New South Wales.

2 KAISERS COMPOSITE MAN OF '59

Monsignor George G. Higgins in Labor Management Panel, publication of the University of San Francisco Labor-Management School:

The Kaisers, father and son, are the composite "Man of the Year" for 1959. At a crucial turning point in the history of labor-management relations in this country they have demonstrated that where there is a will to make collective bargaining work, there is a way. For this they deserve some sort of public service award and the prayerful thanks of a grateful citizenry.

To some of our readers this may sound like exaggerated praise for Henry Kaiser and his son, Edgar, but I think it is richly deserved and, if anything, too conservative. It would be almost impossible to exaggerate the importance of what the Kaisers have recently done, in cooperation with the United Steelworkers of America, to restore some measure of public confidence in collective bargaining and labor-management cooperation as the only foreseeable alternative to compulsory arbitration of one kind or another.

In praising the Kaisers for their constructive approach to labor-management relations, I would prefer not to contrast them unfavorably with their colleagues in Big Steel. But Edgar Kaiser himself has recently acknowledged that there is a significant "difference in thinking" between the Kaiser Cooperation and the powers-that-be in basic steel.

This "difference in thinking" is perhaps best illustrated by Section VI of the contract which Kaiser Corporation negotiated with the Steelworkers on October 25. This Section of the contract is, to the best of my knowledge, unprecedented in the history of collective bargaining between Big Labor and Big Management.

The contract section to which Father Higgins refers is the one setting up a joint committee to recommend "a long range plan for equitable sharing between the stockholders, the employees and the public, of the fruits of the company's progress."

Public power haters

People of this country permit the total economy to be limited because they have been subjected to the most intense campaign of brainwashing on the subject of public power that can possibly be plotted," Elmer McClure, master of the Oregon Grange, declared recently.

"The private power interests and their hirelings have used every technique so far devised by man to brainwash the American people into accepting the totally false premise that public development of the public's domain is a shameful thing." — Farmers Union Herald.

Big problem

Dear George: I've got six kids and one filthy husband. The house is a mess, the yard is a mess and I'm getting a boil on my chin. Can you help me adjust to my environment?—A Lovely Young Thing Who Really Should Be in Hollywood.

Dear Lovely Young Thing: Organization is the secret of a happy home. No home can operate without a certain organization. I would suggest the Teamsters' Union; you're already working like a horse. Meantime, apply a poultice and pray for rain. — The Seattle Times.

Inflation

Inflation is a state of affairs when you never had it so good or parted with it so fast. — Industrial Press Service.